3rd November 1931]

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" May I know whether intimation of the enhanced cess is given before the excess of water is used or after it is used?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" After the water is used."

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—" Is it not a fact that any evidence to prove the contrary would vanish, if intimation is given long after the water is used?"

(No reply.)

Extent of dry lands in Repalle taluk, prior to the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut.

* 557 *Q.*—Mr. G. Simhachalam: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the extent of dry lands was in the year immediately preceding the introduction of the increased shutters to the Kistna anicut, held by the ryots in the Repalle taluk, Guntur district, which were unfit for dry cultivation and useless to those ryots unless brought under irrigation;

(*b*) how much of that extent has been sanctioned for irrigation since then;

(*c*) how much of it is still lying waste;

(*d*) what the reason for not extending the benefit of irrigation to those lands is; and

(*e*) whether the Government are aware that most of these lands are lands situated at the tail-ends of irrigation canals, and can easily be irrigated with much less water than elsewhere and with no additional cost to them?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Mr. G. Simhachalam:—" May I ask whether the hon. Member has any objection to place the report on the table of the House when it is received?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—" I shall consider the question when the report is received."

Minor Irrigation

Restoration of the Panjamthangi tank, Ramnad district.

* 558 *Q.*—Mr. M. Devadasan: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Elundrakondan Periyakulam and Panjamthangi tank in Elundrakondan, Srivilliputtur taluk, Ramnad district, serve one and the same ayacut;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that the Panjamthangi tank is in an abandoned state and the question of its restoration is now engaging the attention of the Government;

[3rd November 1931

(c) whether it is a fact that consequent on the abandoned state of the Panjamthangi tank, the 155 acres of mamul wet lands lying below suffer much in the matter of their irrigation ordinarily;

(d) whether it is a fact that the above wet lands get their supply from the Periyakulam through the surplus vents, sluices I and II and the Panjamthangi tank;

(e) whether it is a fact that some dry lands to the north of sluice II are to be transferred to wet;

(f) what is the extra revenue the Government will get by transferring these lands to wet; and

(g) whether the Government will be pleased to direct that the transfer of the dry lands to the north of sluice II be postponed till the Panjamthangi tank is restored?

A.—(a) *to* (g) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Issue of permits for water-rate cultivation in the Elundrakondan village.

* 559 Q.—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether the officers responsible for the grant of permission for water-rate cultivation in Elundrakondan village satisfied themselves when issuing permits in fasli 1340 that there would be sufficient supply for the mamul wet lands;

(b) how many acres of mamul wet lands mainly depend on the Panjamthangi tank for their irrigation after they cease to receive supply from the Elundrakondan Periyakulam;

(c) what is the capacity of the Panjamthangi tank and how many days' supply does it hold for the wet lands under it and whether the capacity is sufficient to give 40 days' supply to the lands east of it;

(d) whether it is proposed to transfer some dry lands to the east of the Panjamthangi tank to wet; and

(e) whether it is a fact that the wet lands east of the Panjamthangi and those fed by the surplus odai suffer from want of adequate supply when the water in the Periyakulam goes below the sill of the surplus vents?

A.—(a) *to* (e) The Government have not the information. A report has been called for.

Dry cultivation under Elundrakondan Periyakulam.

* 560 Q.—Mr. M. D. T. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) what is the source of irrigation for dry lands S. Nos. 39, 48, 52, 55, 56 and 57 under Elundrakondan Periyakulam now proposed for transfer to wet;

(b) how long these lands have been under water-rate cultivation;

(c) whether there is any plan marked channel to irrigate these lands;